

Eldon Cottages, Clevedon.
May 31st 1854.

My dear Mr Garrison,

Altho' my Father sent a message to you in one of my late letters to Mr May, acknowledging your kind present, he is desirous that I should write for him to you, to express his thanks for the copy of Judge Edmonds & Dexter's "Spiritual Manifestations". He has gone thro' the book with much attention; & he can hardly tell whether it has occasioned him most amusement or amazement. He says he will be astonished at nothing marvelous that comes from your side the water."

He is greatly obliged also by your

kind & sympathizing messages to
him on the state of his health: his
compulsory inaction & his incapacity
for using his hand in any of the
^{surgical}
~~delicate~~ pursuits which have formed
the great business of his life as well
as in the delicate manipulations
connected with scientific investigations
which have constituted his chief
recreation from more arduous en-
gagements. But he has ceased to
anticipate any material improvement
his growing reconciled to relinquishing
his hold on these various ties to
life. Entirely submissive & patient, he
has been from the first, but it took
some time to discover the fact. I then to
accommodate himself to the changed
condition involved in it. That henceforth
his office was ^{solely} "to stand by aid". There is

so much of a careful retrospect to
engage his thoughts, & such a tide
of human sympathy, of gratitude
for past services, of friendly offices
from those around, - of testimony
to the beneficial influence he has
exerted, & the regard he has awakened
in those who are widely separated
from him - that he would find
ample sources of comfort & happiness
even if his faith, ^{in Heavenly Love} were less strong &
his anticipations of an eternity of
joy less vivid than they actually
are. With these he is able to main-
tain so uniform a serenity that the
discipline he ~~is~~ ^{knows} still, going through,
& the privation & disappointment he
constantly experiencing - from the
helplessness of his hand & the weakness
of his head, are imperceptible to all
but the keenest observer. He feels

deeply touched by your affectionate
remembrance of him & is almost over-
whelmed by the warmth of feeling & high
appreciation manifested by all his
friends in America. To me these
tokens of an esteem he has so well
deserved is a great solace; & the rich
treasure of these valued friends ^{which} ~~and~~
he has thus stored up for me I prize
as ~~among~~ ^{among} my greatest blessings.

Your commendations & laudatory notices
of me, dear Mr Garrison, would be as
painfully oppressive as they are humbling
did I not fully enter into the nature
of your regard for Mr Pillsbury & your
consequent attraction to any one whose
happiness it is to be enabled to render
him any service. His illness has left me
deeply his debtor; doubly so, from the in-
structive lessons it conveyed, & ^{from} the ties
it has formed & rivetted between me
& the many friends to whom he is dear.
I will do what I can to deserve & to retain
their regard, & especially to be less unworthy

of your love which is the most pre-
 cious of all. Let me assure you, while
 I think of it, that my Father has not
 been at all troubled at any thing you
 have said about either of us in the
 Liberator. He thought it was only
 natural for you to express warmth
 of feeling towards the friends whose
 privilege it had been to have the care
 of Mr Pillsbury, ^{who perhaps} ~~he~~ have been made
 in some degree instrumental to his
 restoration. My caution to Mr May
 about anything concerning my Father
 appearing in print was given mainly
 because it is painful to him to read
 any circumstantial account of his dis-
 abled condition: our general aversion
 to being ~~objects~~ of notoriety, except ^{when} the
 publicity subserves some good purpose
 for the cause or gratifies the feelings of
 its advocates, - you were already too well
 aware of to need repetitions. I am sure you

must see how impossible it would be
to me to write as fully or as freely
about my Father to you or to any of his
Boston friends as all parties desire,
if there were any danger of its coming
back to him in print!

Mr Pillsbury has permitted me to see your
letter to him about that "Standard"
agitation that was kindled by Mr
Webb ^{which} & blazed up with such marvelous
rapidity. I think it was soon extinguished.
Mr P. said he had dismised it with his
letter to you, ^{in which he} ~~embarrassed~~ ^{embarrassed} himself of his
emotions. The only thing in connection
with it which he appeared unreasonable
about, was he not admitting, nor apparently
apprehending, that Mr May owed it to the
Cause to contradict as promptly & as
emphatically as possible the incorrect
notion that had got possession of Mr
Webb's mind, irrespective of the source
to which Mr W. attributed it.
But I will not consume your time by fruit-

-le's remarks, but will only add a
friendly remembrance to Mr Garrison
if she will allow me to send it to her.
We retain a lively recollection of
your delightful, tho' ~~the~~ brief visit to
our abode, ^{our hearts} & follow you in sympathy
& reverence thro' every step of your
arduous career.

With the warmest wishes for all
true & lasting blessings to attend you
yours, & with deep affection & esteem
Believe me ever

Yours most sincerely
Mary Estlin.

